

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 18-24 stand rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 1-17, 25, and 28-38. Claim 18 has been amended.

Claims 18-24 are rejected under 35 USC §101. Without acquiescing in the Examiner's rejection, the amendment of claim 18 certainly makes claims 18-24 patentable under 35 USC §101. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, all the pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested and an early indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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